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FOLLOWING REPEAT LISBON 4273 ACTION SECSTATE 3 OCTOBER.

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S E C R E T LISBON 4273

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SUBJ: DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON TAD SZULC ARTICLE IN ESQUIRE

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1. EMBASSY FEARS THAT USG OFFICIALS ATTEMPTING DEFEND THE SALE OF THE BOEING 707S TO PORTUGAL WOULD BE OPEN TO THE CHARGE THAT US IS DELIBERATELY TRYING TO MISLEAD LISTENERS IF THEY USE PARA 7 REFTEL FORMULATION.

2. AS DEPARTMENT OF COURSE AWARE, AIRCRAFT WERE SOLD TO GOP CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE AND USED ALMOST ENTIRELY FOR TRANSPORTING TROOPS BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND AFRICA. THE USE OF THE WORD "ROUTES" SUGGESTS THAT THESE AIRCRAFT ARE USED ON CIVILIAN AIRLINE ROUTES AND THE PHRASE "MILITARY AS WELL AS CIVILIAN PASSENGERS" SUGGESTS THAT USE OF THESE AIRCRAFT HAS NOT BEEN ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY MILITARY IN NATURE.

4. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT IN LIEU OF PARA 7 WE SIMPLY STATE THAT 707S ARE NOT CONSIDERED INSTRUMENTS OF WAR, CIVILIAN ET AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SOLD TO PORTUGAL PREVIOUSLY, AND THE USG CONCLUDED THAT THE 707S IN QUESTION DID NOT FALL UNDER THE ARMS EMBARGO.

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